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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Operations and Maintenance Facility for the Salem Area Mass Transit District in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Salem Area Mass Transit District and the project is located in Salem, Oregon.

The funding is designated for complete a new Operations and Maintenance Facility to replace the existing O&M Facility originally purchased in 1986. That existing facility is too small and outdated for the modern fleet, including paratransit fleet and rural transit fleet, both of which must be housed on a separate leased site due to their size. Maintenance work is done by shuttling those individual vehicles from that off-site location to the O&M Facility, increasing maintenance costs and impacting overall efficiency. Salem Area Mass Transit District is transitioning to a 100% zero emission fleet and the current facility will not allow for the needed infrastructure or for consolidation of its entire fleet on one site.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Completion of this new facility will reduce operating costs, increase efficiency, and lower fuel usage and emissions, while meeting long-term needs for our system as it grows and incorporates zero emission technology.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kurt Schrader  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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